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- 25X1 1. Since 1951, the Soviet Military Bank in Vienna has assessed all USIA firms 10% on all business transacted by the bank. [redacted] the accrued
- 25X1 totals of this levy are being maintained for each firm on a monthly basis. Some USIA firms have paper debts from this assessment, totalling millions of Schillings.
2. It is believed that the Soviets will demand full or at least partial payment of these debts as a prerequisite for the return of USIA firms to Austrian control.

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